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 Reported by Military Committee.

 W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The committee on Military Affairs, have had under consideration House Bill, No. 28, entitled, "A bill to raise ten thousand troops for the defence of North Carolina," have instructed me to report it back to the House, and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying bill as a substitute for the same.

SAM'L. J. PERSON, Chairman.

A BILL TO ORGANIZE THE STATE RESERVES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the Governor be authorized and required to call out five thousand troops, to be styled the State Reserves, from among the able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who are not in the actual service of the Confederate States, or liable to be called into that service by virtue of the acts of Congress, commonly known as the Conscription, and the act for Exemptions supplemental thereto. He shall first call out all such able-bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except such of them only as shall be hereafter specially exempted, and cause them to be enrolled and put into a camp or camps of instruction: and at the same time, he shall cause all such persons between the

16 ages of forty and forty-five years to be enrolled ; and if
17 the first class shall not furnish five thousand men, then he
18 shall cause the remainder to be made up by draft out of the
19 second class subject to the exemptions hereafter specified,
20 and apportion the number to be drafted out of each coun-
21 ty, according to the ratio which the number enrolled in
22 the county bears to the whole number enrolled in the
23 State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this force shall be
2 organized into companies and regiments. Each company
3 shall consist of not less than seventy-five, nor more than
4 one hundred men besides its officers ; and each regiment
5 shall consist of ten companies. As soon as a sufficient
6 number of men to constitute one company are in camp,
7 the organization may begin ; and immediately after each
8 regiment is organized, the Governor shall tender it to the
9 President of the Confederate States, for local defence, to
10 serve only within the limits of this State, except in cases
11 where the Governor shall deem it advisable for the de-
12 fence of the State to remove them into contiguous dis-
13 tricts.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor shall
2 appoint all the commissioned officers, both of the line and
3 staff, and commission them either before or after the en-
4 rollment of the men ; and he may require them, as well as
5 the officers of the militia, to aid in enrolling and bringing
6 the men into camp.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That this force shall be
2 subject to the rules and articles of war of the Confederate
3 States ; and shall receive, while in actual service the same
4 pay and allowance, as officers and soldiers in their ser-
5 vice ; and they shall serve three years or during the war,
6 unless sooner discharged ; but they may be returned to their
7 homes at any time by the order of the Governor, subject
8 to be called out ; however, within that term, whenever and
9 as often as the public exigency may require. And the
10 men shall also receive a bounty of fifty dollars each : twen-

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11 ty-five dollars to be paid when they are mustered into ser-
12 vice, and the remainder when they shall have performed
13 six months actual service.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be ex-
2 empted from service under this act, the following, and no
3 others: the judges of the Confederate and State courts,
4 (not to include Justices of the Peace,) with their clerks,
5 marshals, sheriffs, ministers of the Gospel in charge of a par-
6 ish or congregation; the officers and necessary employees
7 of the Insane, and Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylums
8 with their inmates and pupils; physicians who have been
9 habitually engaged in the practice of their professions for
10 ten years immediately before this day; the president, super-
11 intendent, treasurer, secretary, and a reasonable number of
12 engineers, runners and mechanics of each railroad com-
13 pany; the Colonel or commanding officer of each regi-
14 ment of the Militia; the Captain or commanding officer
15 of each company, in case there be no commissioned officer
16 forty-five years of age, but if there be one, he only shall be
17 exempted; one editor and the necessary number of com-
18 positors for each newspaper; the president and professors
19 of colleges; the principals and teachers of academies, who
20 have been teachers continuously for seven years next be-
21 fore this day; the principal and a reasonable number of
22 employees or manufacturers of cotton and woolen goods,
23 iron, leather, and shoes, who are working under contracts
24 with the Confederate or State government, or who have
25 brought themselves within the terms of the act of Congress,
26 providing for exemptions by agreeing to take and by tak-
27 ing no more than seventy-five per cent profit upon their
28 manufactures, but in every case it shall be made to appear
29 to the entire satisfaction of the enrolling officers, and the
30 Governor upon an appeal to him from the decision of the
31 enrolling officer, that such contract or agreement was *bona*
32 *fide*, and not entered into or pretended merely to escape
33 military duty: and the Governor shall have power in spe-

35 cial and extraordinary cases to exempt any other per-
36 son.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor may
2 raise the whole or any part of the force herein provided
3 for by accepting volunteers by companies or by individu-
4 als.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That wherever special pro-
2 vision is not herein made for any act or thing necessary to
3 carry out completely the purposes of this act, the same
4 shall be done under the general law.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in
2 force from and after its ratification.

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